



## **TEKISHA DWAN EVERETTE, PH.D**

Dr. Tekisha Dwan Everett, Executive Director of Health Equity Solutions during the pandemic, has lead efforts to update and educate communities of color about the virus and has worked to center health equity as part of the state's response. Tekisha and the Health Equity Solutions team has remained vigilant in its efforts to ensure that an equity lens is embedded in the pandemic response and recovery efforts to COVID-19. Three key policy goals they are focusing on during the pandemic: inclusion, outreach, and data. By evaluating the impact of response and recovery efforts on communities of color, policymakers can avoid unintentionally exacerbating disparities in the long term. Takisha and her team also recently partnered with the state of Connecticut to support vaccinations within communities of color